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*Memorandum of Conversation*

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SUBJECT: Possibility of OAS Meeting regarding Guatemala — Proposal of Montevideo for Site of Meeting.

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador of Uruguay José A. Mora
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I explained to the Ambassador our proposal for an OAS meeting, its terms, the reasons why we feel that it is opportune. I pointed out that we would like to hold the meeting in Montevideo.

He replied that he felt that his government would probably go along with us, but that there were some problems that he wanted me to understand. First, this is an election year in Uruguay, and the government may feel that it would be dangerous to have so controversial a meeting as this in Montevideo at this time. He recognized, on the other hand, that the government might conclude that it might be desirable for this to occur.

He said that there were a number of minority groups in the present governing party as well as outside of it that would seize on such a meeting as this to argue that the United States is trying to pursue a policy of imperialism and of control over the destinies of other American countries.

These problems, he felt, were not of major importance, but he wanted me to know of them.

He agreed that he would cable his government today and would get me a decision at the earliest possible moment.

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